

<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/963,788	<b>Applicant(s)</b> FREUND ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Yelena G. Gakh, Ph.D.	<b>Art Unit</b> 1743	

**All Participants:**

(1) Yelena G. Gakh, Ph.D.

(2) Joseph R. Baker, Jr.
**Status of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date of Interview:** 27 February 2004
**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

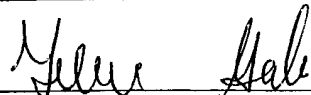
**Type of Interview:**

- ☒ Telephonic  
☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

**Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated:** ☐ Yes ☒ No  
 If Yes, provide a brief description:

**Part I.**
**Rejection(s) discussed:**
*the scope of the claims and rejection over the prior art*
**Claims discussed:**
*1-47*
**Prior art documents discussed:**
*Snow (US 6,221,673, IDS), Mulvaney et al. WO 99/21934*
**Part II.**
**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:**
*See Continuation Sheet*
**Part III.**

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.  
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

  
 (Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: the examiner indicated that claims 23-47, being restrictable, read on Snow's prior art, and therefore are not allowed. Claims 1-22 would be allowable if the independent claims 1 and 22 recited the limitations that the conducting material is metal and that the replaceable chemical groups are bound to the metal material in order to overcome potential rejection over the prior art disclosing pH meters with exchangeable ion membranes. The applicant agreed with the examiner's suggestions, with the limitations to be incorporated into claims by the examiner's amendment. Claims 23-47 are cancelled without prejudice. This places the case into the status for allowance.